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Consumer Price Index – April 2015

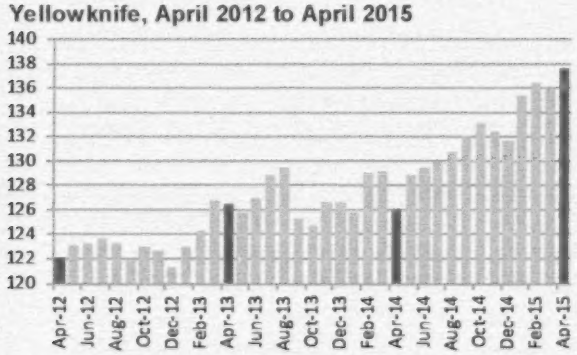
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.6% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 0.8% for Canada, 0.7% for Edmonton while prices in Whitehorse declined by 0.7%.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	15-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	12-Month Average 14-May 15-Apr	13-May 14-Apr	% Change
Yellowknife	129.8	129.4	127.7	0.3	1.6	128.9	126.9	1.6
Canada	126.2	126.3	125.2	-0.1	0.8	125.6	123.5	1.7
Edmonton	132.8	132.6	131.9	0.2	0.7	132.0	130.0	1.5
Whitehorse	123.5	123.0	124.4	0.4	-0.7	123.9	123.7	0.2

Compared to April 2014, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter and clothing & footwear. Higher prices for food (7.2%) and electricity (7.9%) were offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-23.9%) and gasoline (-15.6%).

CPI - Food from Stores
Yellowknife, April 2012 to April 2015



The largest price increase over the last 12 months was for food from stores, which rose 9.1% between April 2014 and April 2015. This was the largest annual rise in food from stores in over 5 years. Over the last year there has been a trend upwards in the price of food from stores, increasing 9 out of the 12 months.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: June 19, 2015.

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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	15-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	% Change from 15-Mar	% Change from 14-Apr
All Items	129.8	129.4	127.7	0.3	1.6
Food	138.0	136.7	128.7	1.0	7.2
Food from Stores	137.6	135.9	126.1	1.3	9.1
Food from Restaurants	137.7	137.7	135.4	-	1.7
Shelter	149.9	150.1	150.4	-0.1	-0.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	189.0	191.6	202.7	-1.4	-6.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.1	113.4	111.2	0.6	2.6
Household Operations	121.7	121.9	120.4	-0.2	1.1
Household Furnishings	97.8	95.7	92.6	2.2	5.6
Clothing & Footwear	99.3	97.4	101.8	2.0	-2.5
Clothing	94.0	91.2	94.8	3.1	-0.8
Footwear	92.9	94.3	94.9	-1.5	-2.1
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	133.3	129.2	146.4	3.2	-8.9
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.1	110.1	109.8	-	0.3
Transportation	123.3	122.8	122.5	0.4	0.7
Private Transportation	122.8	122.9	122.6	-0.1	0.2
Public Transportation	128.4	125.8	125.4	2.1	2.4
Health & Personal Care	120.1	120.4	119.1	-0.2	0.8
Health Care	115.5	116.7	115.6	-1.0	-0.1
Personal Care	124.5	124.2	122.8	0.2	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	101.3	101.7	99.0	-0.4	2.3
Recreation	97.0	97.4	94.4	-0.4	2.8
Education & Reading	126.6	126.6	126.3	-	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	166.0	166.1	162.7	-0.1	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages	148.5	148.9	146.9	-0.3	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	186.1	185.8	180.0	0.2	3.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
Food	128.3	128.1	127.5	0.2	0.6
Energy	125.8	125.2	122.2	0.5	2.9
Shelter	121.4	120.8	118.4	0.5	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages	129.4	129.0	127.3	0.3	1.6
Tobacco Products	128.7	128.4	126.7	0.2	1.6
Housing (1986 Definition)	138.8	138.6	137.8	0.1	0.7
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	171.9	173.7	192.2	-1.0	-10.6
Electricity	189.4	189.4	175.5	-	7.9
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	217.8	226.3	286.3	-3.8	-23.9
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	133.7	133.4	158.4	0.2	-15.6
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from the Time Series Retrieval and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada